MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: (*a*) No estimate has been prepared.

(*b*) Yes, an amount of Rs. 1,375 has been spent for investigation work.

(*c*) A design of the bridge was first prepared but further progress could not be made for want of funds. A fresh cheaper design is proposed by the Director of Development and the same is under scrutiny in the Chief Engineer's Office.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government the nature of the investigation on which the amount of Rs. 1,375 was spent?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: Selecting of sites and making test borings, etc.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government whether any amount has been spent on the staff appointed for taking the volume of traffic?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: Some amount has been spent on the staff.

MR PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government the amount that was spent on this account?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: I claim notice.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the approximate amount for the construction of the bridge according to the design originally prepared by the P. W. Department?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: Rs. 94,000.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the approximate amount according to the design as prepared by the Director of Development.

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: It has not been estimated.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from Government whether they think from the volume of traffic that it is indispensable that a bridge should be constructed as early as possible?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: Government realise that it is necessary to construct a bridge as early as possible.

Caste war Statement of the Sub-Registrars.

126. *MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-war statement of the Sub-Registrars in the Registration Department?

MR. K. SANKARAN: The required *statement is laid on the table.

Ariad-Munro Light Road.

127. *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any amount was budgeted for 1115 for the extension of Ariad-Munro Light Road;

(*b*) if so, what the amount is;

(*c*) whether any work was begun;

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[Mr. N. Narayana Kurup.]

(*d*) if not, why it was not begun ;

(*e*) whether the amount budgeted has lapsed ;

(*f*) whether any amount is budgeted for that work for 1116 M. E.;

(*g*) whether the Government have received any representation to begin the extension work without lapsing the money in 1115 ;

(*h*) if so, when it was received ; and

(*i*) why the work was not begun even after requisitions ?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : (*a*) No,

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The estimate is only under preparation and there was no provision of funds.

(*e*) Does not arise.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) No.

(*h*) & (*i*). Do not arise in view of the answer to part (g).

Deputy Chief Engineer.

128. ✻ **MR. K. R. NARAYANAN :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a Deputy Chief Engineer at present in the P. W. D. ;

(*b*) the functions of the Deputy Chief Engineer ; and

(*c*) whether they propose to continue that post hereafter ?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : (*a*) The place is vacant.

(*b*) The Deputy Chief Engineer helps the Chief Engineer in his office and inspection work.

(*c*) This is under consideration.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : ഡെപ്യൂട്ടി ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയർ എന്ന ഒരു ഉദ്യോഗം ഉണ്ടോ ?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR ഉണ്ട്.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : അദ്ദേഹം ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് എന്തെല്ലാം കൂടുതൽ ജോലികളാണ് ഇപ്പോൾ നടക്കുന്നത് ?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : The Deputy Chief Engineer is an officer of the grade of Executive Engineer and therefore he can almost replace the Chief Engineer in any of the minor routine matters and also in the matter of inspection.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : കഴിഞ്ഞ വർഷത്തിൽ ഡെപ്യൂട്ടി ഇഞ്ചിനീയർ എത്തെല്ലാം സ്ഥലത്തു പരിശോധന നടത്തി എന്നു പറയാമോ ?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : He has toured on a number of occasions on specific instructions from the Chief Engineer.

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